

A PLAN FOR MANAGING GROWTH 2004-2024

City of Seattle Comprehensive Plan



Toward a Sustainable Seattle



what's new? 2006

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What's New in 2006?

City Council Adopted Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan

In October 2005, as part of the annual amendment process, the City Council approved a number of changes to the Comprehensive Plan. The new amendments included:

Urban Villages

- Adoption of more specific criteria, taken from a previous Council resolution, to define conditions that qualify an area to be designated either a residential urban village or a hub urban village
- Establishment of open space goals for all of the urban centers and for the four centers that constitute the center city, taken together
- Correction of errors in the Urban Village Appendix table, which shows existing and projected densities for each urban village



Land Use

- Clarification that limits on sizes of uses in commercial areas applies equally to new and existing businesses
- Addition of language that when the City considers parking requirements in urban centers and villages or allowances for residential uses on the ground floor in commercial zones, it should account for local conditions and planning objectives
- Allowing for the City Council to permit greater heights than would usually be permitted outside an urban village on the commercially zoned land in the Interbay area along and near W. Dravus Street

Transportation

- Addition of language that describes the relationship between the Comp Plan and the Transportation Strategic Plan

Neighborhood Planning

- Slight expansion the boundary of the Rainier Beach Urban Village near the proposed light rail station and authorized rezones of the newly included property
- Addition of goals and policies to the Wallingford neighborhood plan, representing recent planning work in the southern portion of that neighborhood
- Minor changes in the Downtown neighborhood plan to capture a broader density bonus program and to update references

Environment

- Addition of language to an existing policy to clarify the importance of controlling litter, graffiti, junk cars, trash, and refuse to protect human health and the livability of the urban environment



what's new?

Amendments Denied

The City Council rejected an amendment requested by the Port of Seattle that would have established a zoning overlay on land owned by the Port at Terminal 91. The overlay would have allowed for mixed-use development on this industrially zoned site.

Amendments Postponed

Early in 2005, the Council had expressed interest in making amendments that would provide direction to work on the Central Waterfront Plan. Those amendments will probably be developed and reviewed in 2006, once further staff work on the Waterfront Concept Plan is completed.

Housing Unit Growth in 2005

Net Housing Unit Growth, 2005			
Locations	Housing Units Built in 2005	Units Permitted But Not Built	20-year Growth Target
Urban Centers	643	3,040	27,450
Hub Urban Villages	473	649	4,800
Residential Urban Villages	1,005	838	7,180
Outside Villages/Centers	1,003	1,141	7,570
Citywide Total	3,124	5,668	47,000



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To suggest amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, or to learn about amendments being considered, read DPD's monthly newsletter, *dpdINFO*, or visit www.seattle.gov/dpd/planning/compplan.